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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group in the reply filed on 08-18-2009 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the amended claims are not disclosed by Berner et al so provide a special technical feature and unity of invention. This is not found persuasive because species of the photoinitiator wherein R₃₀ is "H" in the amended claims are disclosed by the prior art references cited herein below. Therefor, the instantly claimed photoinitiators do not provide a special technical feature linking the invention of claims 11-12 with the claims 1-5 and 8-10. Upon reconsideration claim 10, drawn to a method of using the photoinitiator of claim 1, has been rejoined with claims 1-5, 8 and 9.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The definition of R₃₁ in claim 1 is confusing because of the use of commas, semi-colons and "or". It is not clear which groups are unsubstituted and which groups are substituted. It is suggested that applicant use semi-colons to separate the different moieties, such as "hydrogen; C₁-C₁₈-alkyl; C₁-C₁₈-alkyl substituted by hydroxy, alkoxy,...and/or -COO(C₁-C₄-alkyl); C₃-C₁₈-alkenyl; ...".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eldin et al (6,048,667). Eldin et al disclose heterogeneous photoinitiators of formula (I) in column 3, lines 57-61, wherein the "Phot" radical can be derived from α -aminoalkylphenones of formula (V) in column 7, lines 1-46. In formula (V), R_{16} can be $-NHR_2$ or C_2-C_6 hydroxyalkyl- NR_2 - wherein R_2 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_5 or C_6 cycloalkylenemethyl or $-ethyl$, phenyl, benzyl or 1-phenyleth-2-yl. Eldin et al specifically disclose photoinitiators such as 2-methyl-1-[4-(hydroxyethylamino)phenyl]-2-dimethylamino-propan-2-one in column 7, lines 41-42 and methyl-1-[4-(hydroxyethylamino)phenyl]-2-morpholino-propan-2-one in column 7, lines 45-46. These two species, at least, correspond to compounds of the formula set forth in the instant claims.

Claims 1-5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kojima (5,698,285). Kojima discloses α -aminoacetophenone compounds (C) of the formula shown in column 5, lines 15-25. Compounds wherein X_1 is an allyl group and wherein X_{5-9} can be H or $-N(X_{19})(X_{20})$ among other substituents disclosed in column 6, line 61 to column 8, line 9. Kojima discloses that X_{19} or X_{20} can independently be a hydrogen or a hydroxyalkyl group, etc. (column 7, line 53, to column 8, line 5).

Claims 1-5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Desobry et al (5,554,663). Desobry et al disclose α -aminoacetophenone compounds of formula I wherein Ar^1 can be formula (IV) shown in column 2, lines 1-8. R^{5-9} in formula IV can be $-N(X^{20})(X^{21})$ in

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which R²⁰ or R²¹ can independently be hydrogen or C₂₋₄hydroxyalkyl, C₂₋₁₀alkoxyalkyl, etc. (column 3, lines 29-30, and column 4, lines 9-16).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kohler et al (5,532,113) disclose photoinitiating compounds containing reactive groups that can be further reacted to provide multifunctional photoinitiators.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Susan W. Berman/ whose telephone number is 571 272 1067. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571 272 1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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